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SUBJECT: ARA NEWS ITEMS OF DECEMBER 6, 1984

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF DECEMBER 5 T.V. NEWSCASTS AND PROGRAMS.

-- CBS EVENING NEWS --

CIA MANUAL HEARINGS: HEARINGS WERE HELD TODAY BEFORE THE  
HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE ON THE CONTROVERSIAL CIA  
MANUAL. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTED THAT WILLIAM CASEY DID  
CONCEDE SHORTCOMINGS IN MANAGEMENT. (FOOTAGE OF  
CONGRESSMAN FOWLER: "MR. CASEY HIMSELF ADMITTED TO  
NEGLIGENCE IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THIS  
OPERATION.") SEVERAL MID-LEVEL CIA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN  
DISCIPLINED, BUT CASEY APPARENTLY COULD NOT BE DIRECTLY  
CONNECTED AND FURTHER PUNISHMENT WILL NOT BE PURSUED.  
(FOOTAGE OF CONGRESSMAN BOLAND: "THE PROBLEM IS THAT  
EVERY TIME THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WENT UP THE LINE TO GET  
WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY FINALLY WAS THE TRAIL SEEMED TO  
GET COLDER.") ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER WAS MORE VOCAL.  
(FOOTAGE OF CONGRESSMAN MINETA: "I HAVE INDICATED IN THE

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PAST, AS A RESULT OF OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITH THE AGENCY'S OPERATION, THAT MR. CASEY OUGHT TO RESIGN.") CASEY HAS SURVIVED STILL ANOTHER SKIRMISH WITH CONGRESS,

BUT THE WARNING SHOTS HAVE BEEN FIRED. CONGRESS IS IN NO MOOD TO LET THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUE ITS COVERT WAR AGAINST NICARAGUA. (PHIL JONES)

-- NBC NIGHTLY NEWS --

CIA MANUAL HEARINGS: THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE FINISHED ITS INVESTIGATION ON THE CIA MANUAL. THE COMMITTEE SAID THE CIA WAS GUILTY OF BREAKING THE LAW, BUT IT WAS ALL UNINTENTIONAL. (TOM BROKAW)

WILLIAM CASEY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT PUBLICATION OF THE MANUAL HAD BEEN MISMANAGED BY THE AGENCY, THAT NONE OF THE TOP OFFICIALS, CASEY INCLUDED, HAD SEEN THE MANUAL BEFORE IT WAS GIVEN TO THE REBELS. THAT SHOCKED THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. (FOOTAGE OF CONGRESSMAN BOLAND: "I FIND IT INCREDIBLE, AS DID ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, THAT NO ONE IN THE FIELD AND NO ONE AT HEADQUARTERS HAD EVER READ THE MANUAL"). AND BOLAND REJECTED CASEY'S CLAIM THAT THE MANUAL DOES NOT RECOMMEND MURDERING NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS. (FOOTAGE OF BOLAND: "THE MAJORITY OF US CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT 'NEUTRALIZE' WAS WORD THAT ONE COULD SUGGEST ASSASSINATION.") CASEY MAINTAINED THAT THE MANUAL WAS DESIGNED ONLY TO MODERATE EXCESSES COMMITTED BY THE REBELS IN NICARAGUA, BUT SOME CONGRESSMEN SAY IT WAS INTENDED TO AID THE REBELS IN OVERTHROWING THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT -- AN ACT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED BY LAW. (FOOTAGE OF CONGRESSMAN FOWLER: "THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE DID FIND THAT THERE HAD BEEN A VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF THE LAND AS INVITED IN THE BOLAND AMENDMENT IN THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MANUAL.")

A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE ALSO SAID THE CIA DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE NICARAGUAN OPERATION. CASEY PLAYED THE GOOD SOLDIER TODAY, BUT SENATOR MOYNIHAN WAS NOT IMPRESSED. (FOOTAGE OF MOYNIHAN: "I WONDER IF HE WOULDN'T STOP DOING THINGS HE HAS TO APOLOGIZE FOR LATER ON.") VIOLATION OF THE BOLAND AMENDMENT CARRIES NO PENALTIES. THE DEMOCRATS ON THE COMMITTEE ARE SIMPLY USING THE MANUAL TO HELP BUILD PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION AGAINST COVERT OPERATIONS IN NICARAGUA; (LEE MCCARTHY)

-- ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT --

CIA MANUAL: THE CIA WAS FOUND GUILTY TODAY OF NEGLIGENCE BUT NOT AN INTENTIONAL VIOLATION OF THE LAW IN PRODUCING THAT CIA MANUAL FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES IN NICARAGUA.

(TED KOPPEL)

THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE CIA MANUAL IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE U.S., REPUGNANT TO AMERICAN VALUES. IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED, SAID THE COMMITTEE, IN ANY OF ITS FORMS. DIRECTOR CASEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CIA OFFICIALS SHOULD HAVE REVIEWED THE MANUAL BUT DID NOT.

MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE FAULT THE CIA FOR A NUMBER OF THINGS: (1) THE CIA NEVER INFORMED CONGRESS OF THE MANUAL, MEMBERS LEARNED OF IT FROM THE PRESS; (2) THE MANUAL, SAY SOME MEMBERS, IS ILLEGAL, A VIOLATION OF THE BOLAND AMENDMENT; AND (3) THE CIA HAS ALREADY GONE OVER -A \$24 MILLION LIMIT IMPOSED ON AID TO THE CONTRAS. STILL

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THE COMMITTEE IS NOT CALLING FOR CASEY'S RESIGNATION, THOUGH SOME MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM OUT NOW# THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED NO ACTION, BUT THEN THE HOUSE HAS ALREADY VOTED FOUR TIMES TO CUT OFF U.S. AID -TO THE CONTRAS. STILL, ONE MEMBER SAID, THERE IS A WARNING IN ALL THIS FOR WILLIAM CASEY, ONE MORE MAJOR TRANSGRESSION AND THERE COULD BE A CHORUS OF CALLS FROM CAPITOL HILL FOR CASEY TO RESIGN. (CHARLES GIBSON, CAPITOL HILL)

2. PRESS SUMMARY. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1984

-- NEW YORK TIMES --

NICARAGUA: STEPHEN KINZER, P. 2 FROM PASO CABALLOS ("NICARAGUA'S 'DREAM' RAILWAY: WILL IT EVER ROLL?") WRITES ON A PROJECT TO BUILD A RAILROAD TO CROSS THE COUNTRY FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC. WORK HAS-BEGUN, BUT NO FOREIGN COUNTRY HAS YET COMMITTED ITSELF TO FINANCING THE PROJECT. SPAIN HAS PROVIDED 23 MILES OF TRACK, AND CUBA IS GIVING TECHNICAL HELP, THOUGH IT DOES NOT ITSELF PRODUCE RAILS OR LOCOMOTIVES.

EL SALVADOR: JAMES LEMOYNE ANALYSIS, P. 3 FROM SAN SALVADOR, 12/5 ("STALEMATE IN SALVADOR: BOTH SIDES APPEAR RELUCTANT TO BUDGE") SEES A POSSIBLE STALEMATE IN THE PEACE TALKS BECAUSE EACH SIDE HAS PRESENTED PROPOSALS SEEN BY THE OTHER AS A DEMAND FOR SURRENDER, SHOWING THE FORMIDABLE OBSTACLES TO A NEGOTIATED END TO THE WAR.

IT IS NOT CLEAR TO LEMOYNE WHY THE REBELS DECIDED TO PUT STRONG DEMANDS ON THE TABLE NOW, SINCE THEY HAD AVOIDED DIVISIVE ISSUES IN THE FIRST MEETING AT LA PALMA IN OCTOBER. "THE TOUGH POSITION MAY INDICATE THAT THE REBELS DO NOT FEEL THEY CAN ENTER TALKS WITHOUT REASSURING THEIR

OWN FORCES THAT THE GOALS FOR WHICH THEY FIRST BEGAN FIGHTING IN 1979 REMAIN UNCHANGED... SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE NOW REASSESSING THEIR EARLIER VIEW, MORE OFTEN EXPRESSED AS A HOPE, THAT THE REBELS' WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND TALKS INDICATED A WEAKENING OF THEIR MILITARY POSITION."

ALTHOUGH TWO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES SAID "THEY WOULD NOT ATTEND ANOTHER NEGOTIATING SESSION UNLESS THE GUERRILLAS FIRST EXPLICITLY ENDORSED THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION..." PRES. DUARTE "MAY TRY TO LEAVE HIMSELF MORE ROOM FOR MANEUVER." HE WILL BE INFLUENCED BY OPINION IN THE ARMY AND BY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ACTIVISTS.

NICARAGUA/CIA: JOEL BRINKLEY, P. 3 FROM WASHINGTON, 12/5 ("HOUSE PANEL CALLS CIA MANUAL ILLEGAL") SAYS, "THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED TODAY THAT THE CIA'S GUERRILLA WARFARE MANUAL FOR NICARAGUAN REBELS VIOLATED THE LAW BECAUSE IT ADVISED THE REBELS ON HOW TO OVERTHROW THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT.

"BUT THE COMMITTEE, COMPLETING A TWO-MONTH INVESTIGATION OF THE MANUAL, DID NOT RECOMMEND SPECIFIC ACTIONS AGAINST CIA EMPLOYEES. THAT CONCLUSION CAUSED DISSENSION, COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAID." A COMMITTEE STATEMENT CALLED THE MANUAL "REPUGNANT" AND "AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE US."

CIA DIRECTOR CASEY, "TESTIFYING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE THIS MORNING, ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANUAL AS THE AGENCY'S HEAD, COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAID. (REP. EDWARD P.) BOLAND SAID MR. CASEY HAD ALSO ASSURED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE WOULD ORDER SEVERAL MANAGERIAL CHANGES TO AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE."

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PERU: REUTERS/LIMA BRIEF, P. 5 ("2 PERUVIAN POLICEMEN KILLED IN GUERRILLA ATTACK ON SLUM") REPORTS SHINING PATH ATTACKS ON LIMA SHANTYTOWNS, BOMBINGS.

MEXICO: RICHARD J. MEISLIN, P. 12 FROM MEXICO CITY ("IN DEVASTATED MEXICAN AREA, THE ANGER PERSISTS") FOLLOWS UP COMMUNITY REACTION TWO WEEKS AFTER THE EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT THE SAN JUAN IXHUATEPEC GAS STORAGE PLANT THAT KILLED 452 AND INJURED 4248.

NICARAGUA: ARTURO JOSE CRUZ OP-ED, P. 31 ("MANAGUA'S CENTRAL PROBLEM") SEES A DISTORTED VIEW OF THE NICARAGUAN SITUATION IN THE US. THE KEY QUESTION IS, "HOW CAN THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ACHIEVE THE DEMOCRACY FOR WHICH THEY HAVE STRUGGLED SO LONG? UNTIL THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED," HE

SAYS, "THERE WILL BE NO PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA."

CRUZ HAD WANTED TO GIVE THE SANDINISTAS A GRACE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, FEARING "HASTY CRITICISM BY THE NICARAGUAN OPPOSITION AND WORRIED THAT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION MIGHT MAKE THINGS WORSE BY STRENGTHENING ITS STAND AGAINST THE SANDINISTAS BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA WERE SURE OF THEIR OWN ATTITUDES."

"ALAS," HE SAYS, "I BADLY UNDERESTIMATED THE VIGOR WITH WHICH THE NEWLY ELECTED NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WOULD PROCEED TO REPRESS ITS OPPONENTS AND MILITARIZE THE STATE. THE SANDINISTAS ARE EVIDENTLY DETERMINED TO IGNORE THE DEMOCRATIC YEARNINGS OF THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE. THEY HAVE STAGED AN ELECTORAL CHARADE AND REFUSED TO ALLOW SERIOUS OPPONENTS TO PARTICIPATE. THEY HAVE BEGUN AN OPEN BUILDUP OF SOVIET ARMS, PRESSED AHEAD WITH THE MILITARIZATION OF NICARAGUAN LIFE AND RESUMED CENSORSHIP."

CITING CRITICISM OF HIS OWN PREVIOUS POSITION BY A COSTA RICAN NEWSPAPER, WHICH CALLED HIM "NAIVE," CRUZ SAYS THE VAST MAJORITY OF CENTRAL AMERICANS CLEARLY NO LONGER BELIEVE THE SANDINISTAS ARE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF DOUBT. THEY ARE "SIMPLY NOT WILLING TO TOLERATE AN INCREASINGLY TOTALITARIAN GOVERNMENT IN THEIR MIDST."

APPEALING TO US OPINION, HE SAYS, "SO LONG AS THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY FOR FREEDOM IN NICARAGUA, THE ARMED REBELLION AGAINST THE SANDINISTAS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW. THE SANDINISTAS... WILL DRAW THEIR SOVIET AND CUBAN PATRONS EVER MORE DEEPLY INTO CENTRAL AMERICA. THEY WILL ALSO, IN TIME, PROVOKE CONFLICTS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY EVER MORE REPRESSIVE MEASURES AT HOME."

"WHAT CAN THE US DO? CONGRESS IS SADLY WRONG IF IT IMAGINES THAT IT CAN OBTAIN PEACE BY CUTTING OFF AID TO THE NICARAGUAN INSURGENTS. THE INSURGENCY IS NO LONGER A PRODUCT OF US INTERVENTION: IT IS THE REVOLT OF NICARAGUANS AGAINST OPPRESSION BY OTHER NICARAGUANS."

"THOSE WHO OPPOSE SUPPORT TO THE INSURGENTS," HE CONCLUDES, "HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO INSIST THAT THE SANDINISTAS RESTORE NICARAGUA'S LIBERTIES AND THAT THE COMMUNIST WORLD TAKE ITS HANDS OFF OUR COUNTRY."

-- WASHINGTON POST --

NICARAGUA/CIA: MARGARET SHAPIRO, FRONT PAGE ("PROBE OF CIA MANUAL FINDS NEGLIGENCE, NO ILLEGAL INTENT") SAYS,

"THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED YESTERDAY THAT A CIA MANUAL ADVOCATING THE 'SELECTIVE USE OF VIOLENCE' TO 'NEUTRALIZE' OFFICIALS OF NICARAGUA'S SANDINISTA

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GOVERNMENT WAS ILLEGAL, EMBARRASSING AND PROOF OF THE AGENCY'S LACK OF CONTROL OVER THE COVERT WAR.

"HOWEVER, 'NEGLIGENCE, NOT INTENT TO VIOLATE THE LAW, MARKED THE MANUAL'S HISTORY,' THE COMMITTEE SAID IN A PRESS REPORT THAT WAS DRAFTED WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT." NO CONCLUSIONS ON RESPONSIBILITY WERE DRAWN, BUT THE RELEASE SAID "THE INCIDENT OF THE MANUAL ILLUSTRATES ONCE AGAIN TO A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THE CIA DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE NICARAGUAN COVERT ACTION."

NICARAGUA: ROBERT J. MCCARTNEY, FRONT PAGE FROM ESTELI, 12/5, ("REBEL, SANDINISTA AMBUSHES VIEWED AS INTENSIFYING WAR") WRITES, "ANTIGOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS KILLED 22 PERSONS IN AN AMBUSH OF A TRUCK CARRYING COFFEE PICKERS YESTERDAY, THE BLOODIEST OF A SERIES OF RECENT ATTACKS AIMED AT DISRUPTING THE HARVEST, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SURVIVORS OF THE RAID SAID TODAY.

"IN A SEPARATE INCIDENT, GOVERNMENT FORCES AMBUSHED AND 'COMPLETELY BROKE UP' A GUERRILLA FORCE, KILLING 35 REBELS, INCLUDING SEVERAL 'IMPORTANT' LEADERS, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY REPORTED." THESE "APPEARED TO SIGNAL THE START OF A WIDELY EXPECTED INTENSIFICATION OF THE WAR IN NORTHERN NICARAGUA AS THE GUERRILLAS TRY TO BLOCK THE ECONOMICALLY VITAL COFFEE HARVEST."

SURVIVORS SAY THAT IN THE ASSAULT ON THE TRUCK NEAR EL PERICON, "ABOUT HALF OF THE PICKERS CARRIED SOVIET-MADE AK47 AUTOMATIC RIFLES.... BUT LTHE GUERRILLAS KILLED ARMED AND UNARMED PICKERS ALIKE... REBELS KILLED SEVERAL WOUNDED PERSONS LYING ON THE GROUND BY SHOOTING THEM OR STABBING THEM WITH BAYONETS, AND THEY SET THE TRUCK AFIRE WITH AT LEAST THREE WOUNDED PERSONS INSIDE THE VEHICLE, INCLUDING A BOY UNDER 10 YEARS OLD."

EL SALVADOR: JOANNE OMANG, P. 8 ("D'AUBUISSON URGES U.S. BACK 'CONTRAS' OPENLY: SALVADORAN SPEAKS AT GEORGETOWN") REPORTS, "ROBERTO D'AUBUISSON, THE LEADER OF EL SALVADOR'S EXTREME RIGHT WING, LAST NIGHT URGED THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION TO CONVERT COVERT SUPPORT FOR 'CONTRA' REBELS IN NICARAGUA TO AN OPEN PROGRAM OF AID. SPEAKING AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, D'AUBUISSON SAID THE ADMINISTRATION 'OUGHT TO MAKE A DECISION CLEARLY.'"

HE WAS SPEAKING "ON THE THIRD DAY OF A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO THE US, DURING WHICH HE HAS MET WITH SEVERAL MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS AND RECEIVED A PLAQUE FROM MORE THAN A DOZEN CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATIONS HONORING HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS AGAINST COMMUNISM IN EL SALVADOR."

D'AUBUISSON, INVITED BY THE CAMPUS YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM, "DELIVERED A KIND OF CIVICS LECTURE TO ABOUT 120 GEORGETOWN STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS. ABOUT 20 MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE STOOD AND TURNED THEIR BACKS AS HE BEGAN SPEAKING." THERE WERE ABOUT 200 PROTESTERS OUTSIDE.

VENEZUELA: JACKSON DIEHL, P. E4 FROM CARACAS ("LAWSUIT BY U.S. FIRMS HITS NERVE IN VENEZUELA; CHARGES COULD HAVE POLITICAL FALLOUT") SAYS, "A LAWSUIT BY TWO US OIL COMPANIES; AGAINST VENEZUELA'S STATE PETROLEUM MONOPOLY HAS SHAKEN ITS ADMINISTRATION WITH CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND VIOLATION OF ANTITRUST LAWS AND CREATED A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PRES. JAIMI LUSINCHI."

COASTAL CORP., HOUSTON, AND MOBILE BAY REFINING, MOBILE, ARE SUING PETROLEOS DE VENEZUELA FOR \$450 MILLION "FOR

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WHAT THEY CHARGE WERE ARBITRARY REDUCTIONS IN THEIR SUPPLIES OF VENEZUELAN HEAVY CRUDE OIL. MOBILE BAY HAS CHARGED THAT VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN A CONSPIRACY TO DRIVE ITS REFINERY OUT OF BUSINESS." THE SUIT WAS FILED IN TEXAS. VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS HAVE UNIFORMLY DENIED THE CHARGES.

-- WALL STREET JOURNAL --

NICARAGUA/CIA: FRONT PAGE "WHAT'S NEWS--" LEADS TO P. 64 DAVID ROGERS STORY ("HOUSE PANEL SAYS NICARAGUA MANUAL VIOLATED LAW; CIA MISMANAGEMENT SEEN") ON THE CONTRA MANUAL.

GRENADA: SAME COLUMN NOTES WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT THAT 250 US MILITARY ADVISERS WILL PROBABLY STAY UNTIL SPRING, HELPING TO TRAIN POLICE.

BOLIVA: SAME COLUMN NOTES THE END OF A WEEKLONG GENERAL STRIKE AGAINST AUSTERITY PROGRAMS. THE GOVERNMENT PROMISED TO "BOOST THE MINIMUM WAGE BY 756 PCT. TO \$109 A MONTH." FREEZE FOOD PRICES AND START HOUSING PROJECTS."

-- BALTIMORE SUN --

NICARAGUA/CIA: WIRE SERVICES STORY, P. 8: ("HOUSE PANEL SAYS CIA 'CONTRAS' MANUAL ~~BROKE LAW, BUT NOT~~ INTENTIONALLY").

MEXICO: JAMES BOCK, P. 9 FROM MEXICO CITY ("U.S. ENVOY WARNS THAT HUGE DRUG TRADE COULD DISRUPT POLITICS IN MEXICO") REPORTS, "THE DRUG TRADE COULD THREATEN MEXICO'S POLITICAL STABILITY, US AMB' JOHN GAVIN SAYS. HIS STATEMENT CAME AS HE DETAILED THE US ROLE IN COMBATTING DRUG TRAFFICKING IN MEXICO WHICH, HE SAID, ACCOUNTS FOR 1/3 OF THE HEROIN THAT REACHES THE US..." THE US HAS BUDGETED \$8.9 MILLION IN FY-85 TO HELP MEXICO DESTROY POPPY AND MARIJUANA PLANTATIONS.

"MR. GAVIN SAID HE CONSULTS REGULARLY WITH SENIOR MEXICAN OFFICIALS ON THE DRUG PROBLEM AND PRAISED THEIR 'REALLY EXCELLENT' COOPERATION WITH US DEA AGENTS AND THEIR HELP IN CARRYING OUT THE STATE DEPT PROGRAM TO DESTROY DRUG-GROWING PLANTATIONS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THT THE 'PROBLEM IS REALLY WITH US' --THAT MEXICAN TRAFFICKERS WERE RESPONDING TO AN AMERICAN SOCIAL PROBLEM THAT CREATES THE DEMAND FOR DRUGS," CAUTIONING, HOWEVER, THAT DRUG MONEY COULD BECOME A POLITICAL FORCE, CITING PROBLEMS IN COLOMBIA.

-- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR --

NICARAGUA/CIA: "NEWS IN BRIEF," P. 2: ("HOUSE UNIT SAYS CIA MANUAL A VIOLATION OUT OF NEGLIGENCE").

-- WASHINGTON TIMES --

NICARAGUA/CIA: RITA MCWILLIAMS, P. 2: ("HOUSE PANEL FINDS CIA NEGLIGENT ON MANUAL"; BOXED QUOTE: "THE MANUAL 'SHOWED ONCE AGAIN... THAT THE CIA DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE COVERT ACTION.'")

NICARAGUA/EL SALVADOR: "AMERICAS," P. 5, ("BUS AMBUSHED IN NICARAGUA") NOTES KILLING OF 24 COFFEE HARVESTERS, SALVADORAN ARMY SWEEP AT THE CHINCHONTEPEC VOLCANO.

3. PREPARED PRESS GUIDANCES FOR NOON PRESS BRIEFING.

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-- CUBA: THIRD ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS ON MARIEL AND  
MIGRATION --

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND CUBA MET IN NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 5,  
TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION ISSUES, INCLUDING THE RETURN TO  
CUBA OF THOSE PERSONS FROM THE 1980 MARIEL BOATLIFT WHO

ARE INELIGIBLE FOR SUBSTANTIVE REASONS TO REMAIN IN THE  
UNITED STATES.

THE TALKS FOLLOW TWO EARLIER ROUNDS OF DISCUSSIONS IN NEW  
YORK ON JULY 12 - 13 AND JULY 31 - AUGUST 2' AS WE HAVE  
INDICATED. THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THESE TALKS CONCERN THE  
RETURN TO CUBA OF THE MARIEL EXCLUDABLES AND THE  
RESUMPTION OF NORMAL IMMIGRATION FROM CUBA TO THE UNITED  
STATES, WHICH WAS SUSPENDED AFTER THE MARIEL BOATLIFT IN  
1980.

AS IN THE PREVIOUS ROUNDS, THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS HEADED  
BY MICHAEL G. KOZAK, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE. RICARDO ALARCON DE QUESADA, VICE  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, LED THE CUBAN DELEGATION.

THE TENOR OF THE TALKS WAS BUSINESSLIKE. SOME PROGRESS  
WAS MADE. ANOTHER ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS IS FORESEEN;  
HOWEVER, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR PRACTICE OF NOT DISCUSSING  
IN ADVANCE THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE  
NO FURTHER COMMENT.

#### 4. SUMMARY OF NOON PRESS BRIEFING.

THERE WAS NO BRIEFING DUE TO SECRETARY SHULTZ SPEECH AT  
THE MIAMI CONFERENCE IN MIAMI. SHULTZ

END OF MESSAGE

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